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C O N F I D E N T I A L PORT OF SPAIN 2343

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CARACAS FOR LEGATT

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, ASEC, PFOR, TD, CU, GT

SUBJECT: TERRORIST BOMBING OF GUYANESE CONSULATE IN TRINIDAD

REF: PORT OF SPAIN 2277 (NOTAL)

1. MR. JOE LEO, LEGATT ASSIGNED CARACAS, MET WITH TRINIDAD POLICE ON SEPTEMBER 9, 1976 TO SHARE WITH THEM BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON THE COORDINATION OF UNITED REVOLUTIONARY ORGANIZATIONS (CORU) WHICH HAS CLAIMED CREDIT FOR THE BOMBING OF THE GUYANESE CONSULATE GENERAL IN PORT OF SPAIN ON SEPTEMBER 1, AND OF THE BRITISH WEST INDIAN AIRWAYS (BWIA) OFFICE IN BRIDGETOWN IN JULY 1976.

2. COMMISSIONER C.A. MAY, CHIEF OF THE TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO POLICE SERVICE, SHARED WITH MR. LEO INFORMATION ABOUT THE BOMBING IN PORT OF SPAIN WHICH HAS NOT BEEN MADE PUBLIC, AND PROVIDED MR. LEO WITH SOME EVIDENCE WHICH MR. LEO WILL FORWARD TO THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION LABORATORIES FOR ANALYSIS. COMMISSIONER
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MAY WAS MOST APPRECIATIVE OF THE BRIEFING AND WAS ANXIOUS TO

RECEIVE ANY ASSISTANCE THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT MIGHT BE ABLE TO PROVIDE TO HELP THE TRINIDAD POLICE IN IDENTIFYING THE TYPE OF BOMB USED BY CORU. THE POLICE, ACCORDING TO COMMISSIONER MAY, ARE PARTICULARLY ANXIOUS TO DETERMINE CONCLUSIVELY THAT THE BOMBING IN TRINIDAD WAS THE WORK OF OUTSIDERS RATHER THAN A LOCAL GROUP. COMMISSIONER MAY PROMISED MR. LEO A COPY OF THE TRINIDAD POLICE REPORT ON THE BOMBING WHEN IT IS COMPLETED.

3. MR. LEO INFORMED COMMISSIONER MAY THAT HE WAS GOING TO BARBADOS TO TRY TO UNCOVER MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE BOMBING OF THE BWIA OFFICE THERE, AND THAT THE FBI WOULD SHARE WITH THE TRINIDAD POLICE INFORMATION ABOUT THE OTHER BOMBINGS WHICH CORU CLAIMS TO HAVE DONE.

4. MR. LEO CONTINUED ON TO GEORGETOWN ON SEPTEMBER 10 TO BRIEF THE GUYANESE GOVERNMENT ON CORU.

5. THE EMBASSY IN PORT OF SPAIN APPRECIATES THE SPECIAL EFFORTS OF THE LEGATT AND WE BELIEVE THAT CLOSE COOPERATION BETWEEN THE U.S. GOVERNMENT AND THE TRINIDAD POLICE IN THE FIGHT AGAINST THESE RECENT TERRORIST ATTACKS WILL BE MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL.
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